

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A medical information management system, comprising:

an information acquisition device;

a computer coupled to the information acquisition device, the computer including logic for receiving information from the information acquisition device, for setting a reconsider flag to indicate that new information is available for informing a user of arrival of the new information associated to a study to which the new information corresponds if the study has been reviewed, and for not setting the reconsider flag if the study ~~is unread~~ has not been reviewed even when the new information is available, for notifying the user if the user is currently reviewing the study, and for not notifying the user if the user is not currently reviewing the

study; and

a memory element associated with the computer, where the memory element stores the information and associates the information with the study.

2.(Original) The medical information management system of claim 1, wherein the information includes at least one of ultrasound image information, medical image information, patient measurements, calculations, findings, comments, waveforms, chart records, audio recordings, Doppler audio, Doppler flow sounds or heart sounds, Doppler audio, and a medical study report.

3.(Previously Presented) The medical information management system of claim 2, further comprising a database, where the database includes a plurality of flags, and the reconsider flag is used to indicate to said user of the medical information management system that the new information has been associated with the study.

4.(Previously Presented) The medical information management system of claim 3, further comprising a client application, the

client application further comprising a user interface configured to present to the user of the medical information management system an indication that the new information has been associated with the study.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6.(Previously Presented) The medical information management system of claim 4, where the client application informs the user of the arrival of further new information pertaining to a further study that the user is not reviewing.

7.(Currently Amended) A method for adding new information to a study, the method comprising the acts of:

- acquiring information using an information acquisition device;
- forwarding the information to a computer;
- storing the information;
- associating the information with the study;
- transferring the new information to the computer;
- associating the new information with the study;

setting a reconsider flag to indicate in the study that the new information is available if the study has been reviewed; ~~and~~
not setting the reconsider flag if the study ~~is unread~~ has not been reviewed even when the new information is available;
notifying a user if the user is currently reviewing the study;
and
not notifying the user if the user is not currently reviewing the study.

8.(Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the information includes at least one of ultrasound image information, medical image information, patient measurements, findings, calculations, comments, waveforms, chart records, audio recordings, Doppler audio, Doppler flow sounds or heart sounds, Doppler audio, and a medical study report.

9.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising the act of using a database indicator to indicate to the user that the new information has been associated with the study.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising the act of presenting to the user an indication that the new information has been associated with the study.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising the act of informing the user of the arrival of further new information pertaining to a further study that the user is not reviewing.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a program for adding new information to a study, the program comprising logic for performing the acts of:

- acquiring information using an information acquisition device;
- forwarding the information to a computer;
- storing the information;
- associating the information with the study;
- transferring the new information to the computer;
- associating the new information with the study;

setting a reconsider flag to indicate in the study that the new information is available if the study has been reviewed; and
not setting the reconsider flag if the study is unread has not been reviewed even when the new information is available;
notifying a user if the user is currently reviewing the study;
and
not notifying the user if the user is not currently reviewing the study.

14.(Original) The program of claim 13, wherein the information includes at least one of ultrasound image information, medical image information, patient measurements, findings, calculations, comments, waveforms, chart records, audio recordings, Doppler audio, Doppler flow sounds or heart sounds, Doppler audio, and a medical study report.

15.(Previously Presented) The program of claim 13, further comprising logic for using a database indicator to indicate to the user that the new information has been associated with the study.

16. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 13, further comprising logic for presenting to the user an indication that the new information has been associated with the study.

Claim 17 (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 13, further comprising logic for informing the user of the arrival of further new information pertaining to a further study that the user is not reviewing.

19. (Previously Presented) The medical information management system of claim 1, wherein the computer is configured to inform the user of the arrival of the new information in response to addition of the new information to the study.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the informing act is performed in response to addition of the new information to the study.

21. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 13, wherein the informing act is performed in response to addition of the new information to the study.

Claims 22-23 (Canceled)